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### **SWANFEST 2008 TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND**

Bring the family and join in the fun on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Swan Harbor Farm,

401 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace. Sponsored by the Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation, Swanfest is a family fun festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay, Swanfest includes children's activities, hand-crafted goods, three stages of entertainment, mansion tours, canoe rides, hayrides, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, great food and more. Your \$5 per car admission entitles you to a day of non-stop fun and entertainment! Plenty of on-site parking is available. No pets are allowed on the grounds during the festival.

Entertainers this year include the acoustic sounds of Double Deuce on the Mainstage. Children will enjoy the interactive shows of Jerry Rowan, Uncle Pete: Up with Kids, and Pam the Kinder Singer on the Pumpkin Stage. The Celtic Stage will showcase the International Academy of Dance and Bagpiper Ed Kitlowski, the Teelin School of Irish Dance and Tir Na Nog. Poe, the Ravens mascot, the Sheriff's Dept K-9 Unit, HAR-CE roving clowns, Duchy of Chesapeake Renaissance Re-creators and Build Your Own Scarecrow are just a few of the day's activities.

"Swanfest is one of the nicest fall festivals for all ages in the area. For \$5, every family will enjoy a day of fun activities at one of the prettiest sites on the water in Harford County," said Committee Member Karen Tegges.

Harford County purchased the 531-acre estate in 1994 for inclusion in the county's open space preservation program. Situated on the banks of the Bay, the estate was initially the home of several generations of the Giles Family in the 1700s. Johns Hopkins University sold the property to the county in 1994, and the county officially opened Swan Harbor Farm to the public in 1996.

Swan Harbor Farm, in addition to being part of the Harford County Parks system, is a popular rental facility for weddings, business meetings and special events. For more information about Swanfest, directions or renting the facility, call 410-939-6767 or visit the website: [www.swanharborfarm.org](http://www.swanharborfarm.org).